

Remote Learning 4 St Dom's Girls

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Term 1 has now concluded for the girls. As we wished them happy holidays and a blessed Easter, I found myself reflecting on the term with a deep sense of gratitude. Teachers have used Week 11 to develop remote learning lessons and resources in preparation for Term 2. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the necessary information to equip you and your daughter/s as we embark on this new mode of learning at St Dominic's Priory College.

Economic Impact

We recognize that COVID-19 has caused great social and economic impact that will be with us for some time. We are hopeful that the actions of our government will lead us through the uncertainty and we will soon be planning for a brighter future. Many families in our College community will have lost employment or have their income severely impacted, leading to financial stress. We wish to assure you that the ongoing enrolment of every student at St Dominic's Priory College is supported as we work through the period of uncertainty. To assist families who have lost employment, had hours of work significantly reduced, have businesses which have been forced to close, or find themselves in a position that income has been significantly affected due to COVID-19, the College will offer assistance. To apply for assistance, we ask that you click on the link to complete the [Application for Assistance Form](#).

Quality Teaching and Learning

Despite the change in circumstance to our lesson delivery and learning experience, I assure all parents / guardians that St Dominic's Priory College teachers continue to work from a place of excellence. Re-training, upskilling and attention to the needs of each student have been at the forefront of our work in the past few weeks. Working collaboratively, teachers have developed a new skillset that complements their motivation to provide authentic teaching and learning for our girls. As a learning institution, we continue to provide the excellent level of service parents and students have come to expect. St Dominic's girls learn, wherever they are. St Dominic's teachers, teach wherever they are.

Discipline and Routine – Dress for Success

In order for your daughter/s to be successful it is advisable that she has a good routine and is disciplined and motivated to her studies. Please support your daughter/s by establishing a suitable place to complete her learning. The start of the school day should be as normal as possible. Whilst it might be easy for your daughter to stay in her pyjamas all day, it is not advisable. Pyjamas suggest bed, which suggests sleep and switch off. We are strongly recommending that the girls get dressed for school. It will help switch their minds to the work ahead – reading, problem solving, thinking, answering questions, working with others. Please ensure your daughter wears her uniform each day.

Winter Uniform

The Uniform Shop will be closed from Thursday 7 May [Week 2 of Term 2]. Families are advised to make arrangements to secure any required uniform items by this date. Upcoming opening hours were published in the Week 10 Bulletin, and in the interest of social distancing we invite you to book a fitting appointment [online here](#).

Remote Learning Timetables

A reminder that Monday 27 April is a Student Free Day. Term 2 and *Remote Learning 4 St Dom's Girls* will commence on Tuesday 28 April, when students (Year 6 – 12) will check in with their Class Teachers via the SEQTA Forums at 8:50am.



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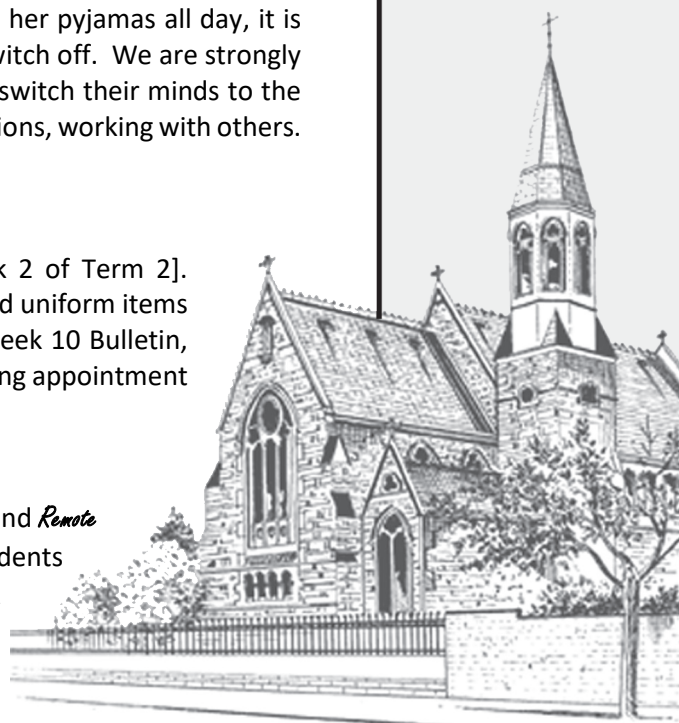
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For the girls to be successful in studying from home it is important that they are well supported. Although there are some changes to the timetable, your daughter will have contact with her teachers every day.

Reception – Year 5 Timetable

To Start the Day	Practical Life Skill Exercise
Morning Block	Quick Maths Prayer Literacy Learning
BREAK	
Middle Block	Numeracy
BREAK	
Afternoon Block	Reading Wellbeing Task Rotation*
To End the Day	Physical Activity**

Year 6 – 12 Timetable

8:50am – 9:00am	Class Period
9:00am – 9:30am	Lesson 1
9:30am – 10:00am	Lesson 2
10:00am – 10:30am	RECESS
10:30am – 11:00am	Lesson 3
11:00am – 11:30am	Lesson 4
11:30am – 12:30pm	LUNCH
12:30pm – 1:00pm	Lesson 5
1:00pm – 1:30pm	Lesson 6
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Flexible Learning + Assessment Block

*Rotation of HASS / Science & Technology / Music & Drama / Italian / Visual Arts or STEM

** Physical Activity - Free Choice [Explicit details will be sent via Class Teacher]

Please note the following:

- Remote Learning Timetables are shorter than the usual school timetable, and feature more breaks.
- The afternoon time slot of 1:30pm – 3:00pm on the Years 6 – 12 Timetable is considered a flexible learning time where students can work independently, make contact via SEQTA with their teachers, or complete learning and timed assessment tasks.
- In most cases the roll call will be taken during each lesson. The exemptions are Year 11 and 12 Study lessons and Year 10 -12 Thursday Lesson 4 Sport.
- All Secondary students should check their timetable on SEQTA as there have been some staffing changes.

Resources

Students have been provided with a resource booklet that outlines strategies, expectations and guidelines to support learning at home. Please take the time to read the booklet by clicking on the link(s) below.

[Remote Learning 4 St Dom's Girls – Reception to Year 5 Student/Parent Guide](#)

[Remote Learning 4 St Dom's Girls – Years 6 to 12 Student Guide](#)

SEQTA and Seesaw will be the predominant ways of communication between student and teacher. Other platforms including live video conferencing programs will likely become available as the term progresses.

Attendance

It is important that parents / guardians follow normal procedures regarding attendance. If your daughter/s is not able to attend to her lessons please contact the College by 9:30am by:

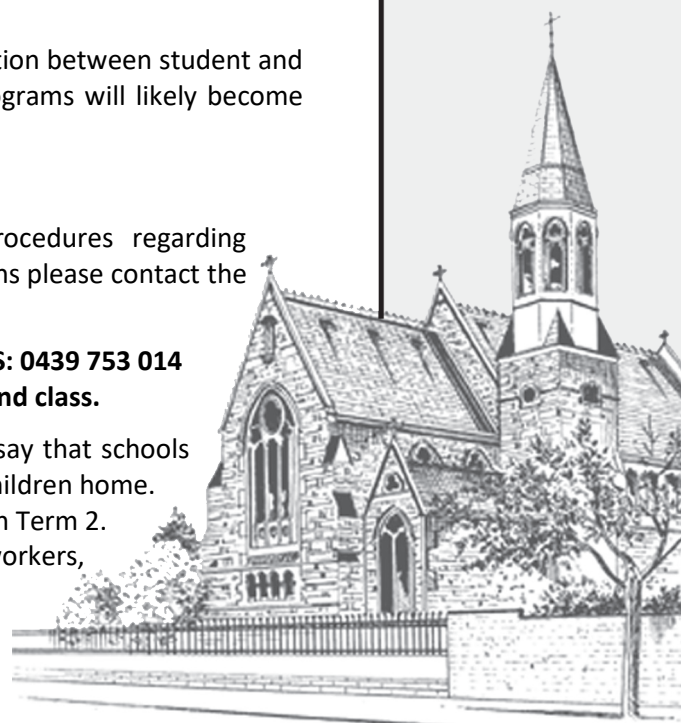
☎ (08) 8267 3818 ✉ absentees@stdominics.sa.edu.au SMS: 0439 753 014

Please ensure you include your daughter/s full name and class.

As this letter is being written, the Prime Minister continues to say that schools should remain open and that parents can choose to keep their children home.

As such we are expecting that some students will attend school in Term 2.

It is likely that these students will be the daughters of essential workers, or children who cannot remain home during the school day.





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For those parents/guardians who are considering sending their daughter/s to school in Term 2, please complete the following Attendance Survey: [Click Here](#). Please complete this survey by **Wednesday 22 April**.

Contact

There are a number of Staff you can contact in regards to support and advice which you may need during Term 2. Please note the following:

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Ms Deb Osborne – Primary Curriculum	dosborne@stdominics.sa.edu.au

Vietnamese Families – Sr Hieu Tran is available to provide translation and advice to our Vietnamese community: htran@stdominics.sa.edu.au or 0409 206 205.

Wellbeing

St Dominic's Priory College prides itself on our Pastoral Care Program and caring for the wellbeing of each girl. During remote learning this will not change. You can be assured that the Class Teachers and Year Level Coordinators, along with the College Leadership Team, will be monitoring every student closely. Throughout the term, a teacher will make regular contact with you by phone to check in on your daughter's general wellbeing and on her learning. Our School Counsellor has also made available a number of resources for students to access through our COVID-19 Portal on the College website: [Click Here](#).

The Bulletin

The Bulletin will be communicated next term on a fortnightly basis and sent to families as a link via their email. Our Facebook Page, LinkedIn Page and Website will also be regularly updated to include news from the school community. We will continue to celebrate both our remote and on-site learning.

I recognise that there is a lot of information to take in as we manage this changing time, brought upon us with little warning and under such difficult circumstances. I believe however, that at St Dominic's Priory College our Staff are prepared and ready. They have demonstrated an outstanding attitude as they learn new digital skills and work collaboratively to create learning resources to ensure excellence for your daughter. As my first term at the College comes to a close, I feel a strong sense of gratitude for our Staff, our students and you our families.

It is Holy Week – a time we celebrate our faith story, remembering the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Perhaps this Easter will be even more important than ever as we acknowledge the sacredness of human life, the dignity of each person, the preciousness of a hug, and the importance of connection.

Kindest regards

Helen Steele
Principal

